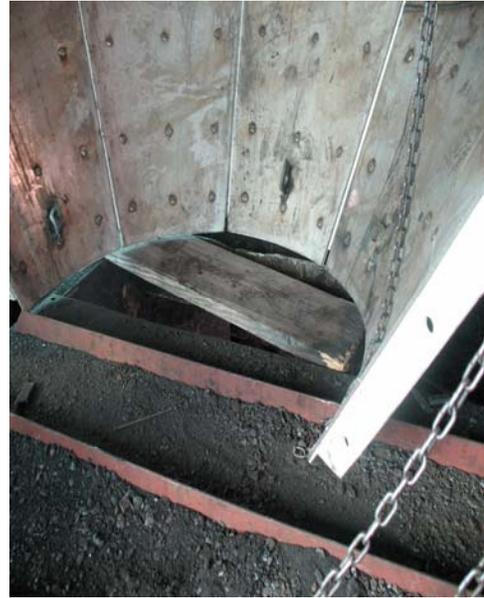




CLOSE CALL FALL OF PERSON



On December 4, 2007, a miner was injured while replacing the lining of a clean coal hopper. He was standing on a piece of wood plank, as shown, and, while using a crowbar to position a section of the lining, the board slipped, causing him to fall through the hopper some 25 feet to the ground below. The opening in the hopper had been covered with metal decking, which had been removed to provide clearance for the section of lining. The miner sustained a broken hip, back injuries, plus broken bones in his feet, legs, and arm.

Best Practices:

1. Tie off or other wise secure your person when working in elevated areas.
2. Always work from a stable position.
3. Guard or secure all open areas where work is being performed.
4. Take the time to stop, look, analyze, and manage the job before beginning work.

